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COLD STORAGE REPORT

AS OF MAY 1, 1942

Reports to the Department of Agriculture from cold storage warehouses indicate that the occupied space in public warehouses on May 1, 1942 was 48 percent of cooler capacity and 62 percent of freezer capacity. Cooler occupancy remained the same as a month earlier but freezer space occupancy was down 7 percent.

Reports of commodity holdings on May 1 showed increases over a year ago for the majority of items, the most significant increases being in stocks of American cheese and shell and frozen eggs.

American cheese stocks totaling 180 million pounds exceeded those of a year earlier by 85.5 million pounds and the 5-year average by 108.3 million pounds. Holdings of shell eggs of 4.6 million cases were 1.6 million above those of May 1, 1941 and 1.2 million cases above average. Holdings of frozen eggs on May 1, 1942 were 159.2 million pounds, 59.6 million pounds above the May 1, 1941 total and 64.8 million pounds above average.

Stocks of apples in cold storage totaling 3.5 million bushels were 2.5 million bushels below those of a year earlier and 1.2 million bushels below average.

The 96.4 million pounds of frozen poultry on hand were 4.7 million pounds less than on May 1, 1941, but 13.9 million above average.

Total frozen and cured meat stocks were 811.4 million pounds or 154.7 million pounds below those of a year earlier but 23.7 million above average. Lard and rendered pork fat stocks totaled 126 million pounds. This quantity was approximately 202 million pounds below that of a year ago and 84.9 million below average.

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FRESH FRUITS

Stocks of apples held in cold storages on May 1, 1942 as reported indicate a total of 3,544,000 bushels on hand. This quantity is 2,453,000 bushels less than that on hand May 1, 1941 and 1,178,000 bushels less than the 5-year (1937-41) average. The out-of-storage movement during April was 4,663,000 bushels compared with 4,533,000 bushels for the same period a year ago and 4,819,000 for the April 5-year average. Included in total apple stocks are 120,000 bushels owned by the Surplus Marketing Administration.

(See table on page 8 for holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	May 1			
	5-yr. ave. 1937-1941	May 1 1941	April 1 1942	May 1 1942
- Thousands -				
Apples.....barrels.....	17	14	10	3
Apples.....Western boxes.	2,366	2,781	5,150	2,466
Apples.....Eastern boxes.	1/	1,630	1,530	578
Apples.....bushel baskets	2,305	1,544	1,497	491
TOTAL APPLES.....bushels.....	4,722	5,997	8,207	3,544 2/
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes..	2	2	2	-
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes...	-	-	1	-
Pears, all other varieties.boxes.....	57	61	203	45
Pears.....bushel baskets	3	5	2	1
TOTAL PEARS.....bushels.....	62	68	208	46

APPLE HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE, BY STATES

STATE	May 1, 1942				May 1, 1941	
	Barrels	Boxes		Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
		Western	Eastern			
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts..	3	26	6	1	35	121
New York.....	62	219	37	318	785	
New Jersey.....	14	76	62	152	310	
Pennsylvania...	1	2	55	71	131	293
Ohio.....	15	33	29	77	128	
Illinois.....	4	17	71	92	269	
Michigan.....	4	27	26	57	236	
Minnesota.....	25		2	27	24	
Missouri.....	18		13	31	82	
Virginia.....	1	3	99	120	225	833
West Virginia..			2	8	10	38
Washington....	1,827			1,827	2,262	
Oregon.....	55				55	124
California....	346				346	188
Other States...:	1	88	24	46	161	304
UNITED STATES..	3	2,466	578	491	3,544	5,997

1/ Previously included with bushel baskets.

2/ Includes 120,000 bushels and boxes held by S. M. A.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

There were 99,852,000 pounds of frozen fruits and berries reported in freezers on May 1, 1942. The total stocks on this date exceeded those of a year earlier by 17,934,000 pounds and the 5-year average by 25,907,000 pounds. Frozen vegetable stocks on hand were 53,136,000 pounds or 4,487,000 pounds more than a year ago.

(See table on page 8 for holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	May 1 5-yr. ave. 1937-1941	May 1 1941	April 1 1942	May 1 1942
- Thousands -				
FRUITS, FROZEN				
Blackberries.....pounds.....	Data	2,911	3,587	2,683
Blueberries....."	for	5,470	4,392	4,009
Cherries....."	these	10,081	23,461	19,855
Logan and similar berries....."	earlier	1,462	2,927	2,315
Raspberries....."	years	9,022	10,926	9,362
Strawberries....."	not	21,946	34,468	25,727
Other fruits....."	compar-	15,660	22,324	19,356
Classification not reported...	able.	15,366	17,897	16,545
TOTAL....."	73,945	81,918	119,982	99,852
VEGETABLES, FROZEN				
Asparagus.....pounds.....		5,050	4,136	3,934
Beans, lima....."		7,879	11,687	9,935
Beans, snap....."	His-	3,479	3,499	2,627
Broccoli, green....."	torical	1,420	1,970	1,736
Corn, sweet....."	data	3,521	4,680	3,916
Peas, green....."	not	17,429	19,351	15,779
Spinach....."	avail-	3,204	5,363	5,457
Other vegetables....."	able..	4,400	6,546	5,172
Classification not reported...	"	2,267	4,549	4,580
TOTAL....."		48,649	61,781	53,136

FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN SMALL AND LARGE CONTAINERS

April 1 and May 1, 1942

Commodity	In small containers (Less than 30 lb. capacity)		In bulk or lg. containers (30 lb. or greater capacity)	
	April 1	May 1	April 1	May 1
- Thousand pounds -				
Blackberries.....	219	128	3,368	2,555
Blueberries.....	790	672	3,602	3,337
Cherries.....	1,843	1,468	21,618	18,387
Logan and similar berries....	695	538	2,232	1,777
Raspberries.....	969	839	9,957	8,523
Strawberries.....	7,229	5,043	27,239	20,684
Other fruits.....	4,821	5,189	17,503	14,167
Classification not reported..	2,375	788	15,522	15,757
TOTAL.....	18,941	14,665	101,041	85,187

May 1, 1942, Cold Storage Report
DAIRY & POULTRY PRODUCTS

(5/12/1942)

Stocks of creamery butter on hand on May 1, 1942 were 37,183,000 pounds. This was 19,388,000 pounds more than a year earlier and 12,231,000 pounds above the May 1, 5-year (1937-41) average. Included in the total stocks are 4,796,000 pounds owned by the Dairy Products Marketing Association and 4,610,000 pounds held by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Stocks of American cheese totaling 180,151,000 pounds reached an all time high for any period. This quantity was 85,549,000 heavier than stocks on hand May 1, 1941 and 108,310,000 above average. Of the total amount reported 67,149,000 pounds were held by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Stocks of shell and frozen eggs on May 1 were significantly higher than in past years. Holdings of shell eggs totaled 4,650,000 cases and frozen eggs 159,176,000 pounds or a total case equivalent of 8,895,000. This latter quantity exceeds the total case equivalent for May 1 a year ago by 3,210,000 and the 5-year average by 2,910,000. The unusual situation is apparently caused by quantities of both shell and frozen eggs held in storage and ear-marked for future drying against commitments of dried eggs for future delivery to the F.S.C.C.
THE COMMITMENTS ARE LISTED IN THE BOX BELOW.

Total frozen poultry holdings were 96,441,000 pounds. This quantity was 4,688,000 pounds below stocks on hand a year earlier but 13,868,000 pounds above average. The out-of-storage movement of frozen poultry during April was approximately 43 million pounds compared with 25.8 million pounds a year earlier and about 24 millions for the average.

Commitments of Dried Eggs for future delivery converted to case equivalent basis				
June	1,222,000	October	1,175,000	
July	638,000	November	1,051,000	
August	637,000	December	497,000	
September	752,000			

(See table on page 9 for holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	May 1 5-year average 1937-1941	May 1	April 1	May 1
		1941	1942	1942
- Thousands -				
CREAM				
Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	62	77	160	173
Twenty percent....."	1	-	6	5
BUTTER				
Creamery, total.....pounds	24,952	17,795	45,045	37,183
DPMA holdings....."	-	-	7,821	4,796
SMA and FSCC holdings....."	-	1,387	2,584	4,610
Commercial stocks....."	11,645	16,402	34,640	27,777
Packing stock	58	20	33	31
CHEESE				
American.....pounds	71,841	94,602	163,939	180,151
SMA and FSCC holdings....."	-	-	56,608	67,149
Commercial stocks....."	-	-	107,331	113,002
Swiss including block....."	3,130	3,385	5,801	5,029
Brick and Munster....."	602	433	1,381	1,383
Limburger....."	564	365	439	558
All other varieties....."	8,259	9,550	16,773	17,186
TOTAL CHEESE....."	84,396	108,335	188,333	204,307
EGGS				
Shell, total.....cases	3,468	3,031	1,798	4,650
SMA and FSCC holdings....."	-	215	96	56
Commercial stocks....."	3,420	2,816	1,702	4,594
Frozen, total.....pounds	94,382	99,531	107,397	159,176
SMA and FSCC holdings....."	-	-	11,808	6,637
Commercial stocks....."	-	-	95,589	152,539
Frozen 1/.....2/.....equivalent cases	2,517	2,654	2,864	4,245
TOTAL EGGS. 2/....."	5,985	5,685	4,662	8,895
FROZEN POULTRY				
Broilers.....pounds	6,316	4,458	8,551	5,745
Fryers....."	5,804	5,967	9,546	5,124
Roasters....."	14,569	17,980	24,298	15,747
Fowls....."	13,333	17,971	24,478	17,644
Turkeys....."	27,854	36,221	45,757	35,372
Ducks....."	1,433	1,664	1,700	1,370
Miscellaneous poultry....."	13,264	9,906	16,583	10,280
Unclassified poultry....."	2/	6,962	8,764	5,159
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY....."	82,573	101,129	139,677	96,441

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 37.5 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 79 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of May 1, 1942, were classified as follows:

Whites - 22 percent; Yolks - 19 percent; and mixed - 59 percent.

3/ Carried under "Miscellaneous Poultry" previous to January 1, 1940.

MEATS AND LARD

Total stocks of all frozen and cured meats on hand May 1, 1942 were reported at 811.4 million pounds. This quantity was 154.7 million pounds below that on hand on May 1, 1941 but 23.7 million above the 5-year (1937-41) average. Frozen and cured beef holdings totaled 126.3 million pounds and were 40.8 million pounds above those of a year earlier and 59.1 million pounds above average. Frozen and cured pork stocks were reported at 570.8 million pounds. This quantity was 225 million pounds below that on hand on May 1 a year ago and 67.6 million pounds below average. The movement during April indicated a reduction in stocks of 19.6 million pounds. This compares with an increase during April a year ago of 10.5 million pounds and a 5-year average decrease of 13.8 million pounds.

There were 126 million pounds of lard and rendered pork fat reported on hand on May 1. This quantity is 201.6 million pounds below May 1, 1941 stocks and 84.9 million below average. An exceedingly heavy out-of-storage movement during April is indicated. The reduction in stocks from April 1 was 56 million pounds which compares with an increase of 9 million during the same period a year ago. The average movement for the 5-years (1937-41) shows a slight decrease.

Included in the above figures are 5.9 million pounds of cured pork and 280,000 pounds of lard owned by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation held in cold storages outside of processors hands.

(See table on page 9 for holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	May 1 5-year aver. 1937-1941	May 1 1941	April 1 1942	May 1 1942
- Thousand pounds -				
BEEF				
Frozen.....	51,279	68,135	127,196	106,620
In process of cure.....	10,486	12,553	16,129	15,732
Cured.....	5,484	4,875	4,189	3,995
TOTAL BEEF.....	67,249	85,563	147,514	126,347
PORK				
Frozen.....	279,472	402,582	278,876	258,089
Dry salt in process of cure.....	47,473	57,839	48,392	55,006
Dry salt cured.....	42,429	58,028	35,400	33,067
Pickled in process of cure.....	156,117	165,597	144,499	140,855
Pickled cured.....	112,902	111,830	83,249	83,800
TOTAL PORK.....	638,393	795,876	590,416	570,817
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen.....	3,390	4,718	8,180	7,048
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured.....	78,634	79,924	117,965	107,150
TOTAL MEATS.....	787,666	966,081	864,075	811,362
LARD.....	210,923	321,074	176,883	120,392
RENDERED PORK FAT	2/	6,624	5,121	5,662

1/ S. M. A. and F. S. C. reported holdings of 5,870,000 pounds of pork and 280,000 pounds of lard in cold storages outside of processors hands.

2/ Previously included with lard.

DAIRY & POULTRY PRODUCTS, BY STATES

STATE	Cream 40-qt. cans.	Butter lbs.	American Cheese lbs.	Shell Eggs cases	Frozen Eggs lbs.	Total Poultry lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....	7	918	3,381	75	1,752	4,900
Other States.....		463	391	19	1,191	679
NEW ENGLAND.....		1,381	3,772	94	2,943	5,579
New York.....	115	8,240	26,538	291	7,766	16,274
New Jersey.....	2	5,772	8,902	193	8,431	4,020
Pennsylvania.....	9	4,343	9,864	166	4,321	3,781
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....		18,355	45,304	650	20,518	24,075
Ohio.....	3	1,343	11,974	209	12,159	2,856
Indiana.....		148	3,337	52	3,652	886
Illinois.....	3	8,120	24,599	1,124	21,078	22,831
Michigan.....	3	685	2,837	145	2,422	2,500
Wisconsin.....	13	669	55,103	47	1,142	830
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....		10,965	97,850	1,577	40,453	29,903
Minnesota.....	11	2,804	933	179	5,168	2,229
Iowa.....		153	47	146	9,395	1,225
Missouri.....	6	280	9,035	291	21,628	5,269
Nebraska.....		225	1,380	187	9,117	4,294
Kansas.....		27	221	274	13,361	2,156
Dakotas.....		193	17		1,361	8
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....		3,682	11,633	1,077	60,030	15,181
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....		1,000	8,097	150	2,525	2,206
Kentucky.....		22	327	38	843	958
Tennessee.....		69	1,640	128	1,202	537
Alabama & Mississippi.....		80	309	33	192	152
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		171	2,276	199	2,237	1,647
Oklahoma.....		2	129	59	6,406	90
Texas.....		154	2,992	178	15,136	755
Arkansas and Louisiana.....		276	563	34	1,847	582
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		432	3,684	271	23,389	1,427
Colorado.....		26	551	64	1,054	403
Other States.....		11	1,796	87	383	670
MOUNTAIN.....		37	2,347	151	1,437	1,073
Washington.....		183	448	158	589	3,183
Oregon.....		42	901	27	542	3,232
California.....		935	3,839	296	4,513	8,935
PACIFIC.....		1,160	5,188	481	5,644	15,350
OTHER STATES..... (combined for cream only).....	4					
UNITED STATES.....	176	37,183	180,151	4,650	159,176	96,441

OCCUPANCY OF AVAILABLE COLD STORAGE SPACE IN
PUBLIC WAREHOUSES

United States
May 1, 1942, with comparisons

Date	Number concerns reporting	Available Space			Occupied Space		
		Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
- Thousand cubic feet -							
January 1....	469	157,262	68,906	226,168	96,051	52,868	148,919
February 1...	524	171,176	81,737	252,913	92,257	60,644	152,901
March 1.....	539	169,852	84,524	254,376	82,779	60,691	143,470
April 1.....	428	159,065	77,065	236,130	75,792	51,723	127,515
April 15.....	432	158,924	76,751	235,675	71,511	48,551	120,062
May 1.....	429	161,978	76,857	238,835	77,534	47,668	125,202

PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED, BY GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS

April 15 and May 1, 1942

Geographic Divisions	Number coolers	April 15, 1942			May 1, 1942		
		Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Number coolers	Coolers	Freezers
- Percent -							
New England..	15	47	52	49	14	51	53
Mid. Atlantic	105	45	62	50	101	50	60
E.N. Central..	70	59	69	63	72	63	66
W.N. Central..	41	61	68	65	43	74	68
So. Atlantic..	54	29	73	36	51	27	72
E.S. Central..	8	38	49	42	10	67	74
W.S. Central..	20	63	72	67	24	69	78
Mountain.....	17	75	75	75	13	84	90
Pacific.....	102	31	49	35	101	27	45
- Percent -							
UNITED STATES	432	45	63	51	429	48	62
							53

1/ Result of weighting geographic division percentage figures by respective proportion of total U. S. available space in public cold-storage warehouses.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, MAY 1, 1942, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS MAY 1, 1942, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS (CONT)

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	Geographic Divisions			Pacific	Total
					South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central		
<u>DAIRY PRODUCTS 1/</u>									
Cream, Forty percent.....	9	125	20	17	1	1	1		173
Cream, Twenty percent.....	"	18,381	10,965	3,682	1,000	171	432	37	5
Butter, creamery.....	"	45,304	97,850	11,633	8,097	2,276	3,684	5,188	37,183
Butter, packing stock.....	"	538	3,723	62	76	5	62	203	31
Cheese, American.....	"	40	1,278	44	2	4	11	1	180,151
Cheese, Swiss including block.....	"	118	424	11	1	1	3	3	5,029
Cheese, Brick and Munster.....	"	9,101	3,595	1,005	273	1,093	510	249	1,283
Cheese, Limburger.....	"								558
Cheese, all other varieties.....	"								17,186
Eggs, shell.....	94	650	1,577	1,077	150	199	271	151	4,650
Eggs, frozen.....	2,943	20,518	40,453	60,030	2,525	2,237	23,389	1,437	5,644
<u>FROZEN POULTRY</u>									
Broilers.....	339	1,653	1,759	1,061	191	261	36	49	396
Fryers.....	159	961	1,773	1,353	125	123	43	65	522
Roasters.....	1,720	4,514	6,105	2,239	321	151	23	27	5,124
Fowls.....	551	3,491	9,412	2,340	307	194	429	41	15,747
Turkeys.....	10,211	6,516	4,269	997	221	278	655	9,701	17,644
Ducks.....	27	774	337	73	79	4	9	7	35,372
Miscellaneous frozen poultry.....	252	2,243	3,695	1,440	170	379	494	5	1,370
Unclassified frozen poultry.....	7	228	306	2,406	16	314	115	224	10,280
<u>MEATS AND LARD 1/</u>									
Beef, frozen.....	3,425	11,525	35,833	25,188	3,284	1,026	10,413	2,783	106,620
Beef, in process of cure.....	12	2,148	8,834	4,030	160	9	381	32	15,732
Beef, cured.....	"	518	1,728	1,541	23	9	92	73	3,995
Pork, frozen.....	9,105	19,412	73,419	111,294	13,784	5,683	10,436	4,152	258,089
Pork, dry salt in process of cure.....	"	1,292	2,681	18,067	24,946	3,984	2,371	434	55,006
Pork, dry salt cured.....	"	1,182	292	10,584	16,048	2,547	541	574	33,067
Pork, pickled in process of cure.....	"	7,404	10,463	44,284	60,470	5,037	1,570	5420	140,855
Pork, pickled cured.....	"	1,574	2,789	31,837	39,485	1,728	755	1,514	2,386
Lamb and Mutton, frozen.....	561	2,373	1,543	1,511	205	.	199	70	83,800
Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal.....	3,174	11,845	28,560	33,857	7,971	2,066	4,162	2,093	107,150
Lard.....	1,350	22,402	59,807	25,653	2,724	743	1,719	2,354	3,640
Rendered pork fat 2/.....	402	151	1,184	2,896	146	111	426	179	120,392
									5,662

1/ Includes FSCC, SMA, and relief holdings, as well as commercial stocks.

2/ Previously included with lard.

